

Ceiling - Floor

1 ReSet Theory - Ty - aaron - Xile - DAD.

I have been critical of Ty's abilities as a carry in the past but he has proven the ability to elevate teammates in recent seasons and given the thinning of elite players in MLTP, he is entirely worthy of first ball status. He picked up aaron from where they left off last season for more position switching shenanigans. Xile and DAD are both competent, flexible role players who can be exchanged if they need more specialization. The floor is high here because the personalities here are chill enough to not get tilted when Ty points out every mistake they make.

Super Ball champs - Second round exit

2 Holdin' Gate Warriors - Curry - Pro Boat - ccga4 - d4nk

Curry will do his best Draymond Green impression this season, directing traffic and keeping his team in position while almost never making a mistake on defense. He picked up his Andre Iguodala in ccga, a veteran who can help control the game with pups and O/D. What he and cc lack in firepower is compensated by the young up-and-coming ~~James Wiseman~~ Pro Boat and ~~Jordan Poole~~ d4nk who will provide highlight plays while Curry develops their mental games. There may be some bumps along the way but if the team buys into putting in the work with scrims and VOD review, they should be a very difficult out when playoffs come. Even if the team lacks a true Steph Curry, they still have someone to take a shot with the universe on the line.

Super Ball champs - Second round exit

3 Toronto Captors - Agency - no name - titanblue - NEB.

A rising star coming off a hiatus after playing with multiple all-time greats comes to the North to make a run at the title. While he may not have the iconic laugh of a Kawhi Leonard, Agency does have the two-way dominant playstyle. He is complemented by two competitive veterans in ~~Kyle Lowry~~ no name and ~~Serge Ibaka~~ NEB. who are steady presences ready to make the right play and put him in the best position to succeed. The variance depends on whether titan can bring the spark and intensity we have seen in the past while also building chemistry as a consistent teammate. This team can go very far if titan can be Fred Van Vleet rather than Jeremy Lin.

Super Ball champs - First round exit

4 Miami Ballphins - Maru (okthen) - donuts42 - inthesomeday - Butter

It would be ridiculous to count okthen out given his track record and how open the league is, but there are a lot of reasons to want to. Individually, none of his picks going majors totally blows me away, but as a collective they lack the experience (at least recently) and mechanical explosiveness to really give okthen a ton of opportunities.

Donuts and Butter should be passable defensively but it is hard to find a defense in the league to be less afraid of. Inthesomeday has potential but will be tasked with progressing very quickly. okthen will do his best to control the game and build up his team, but I would be very surprised if this team makes it to week 4 with no roster moves. I am not making comparisons to the Miami Dolphins cuz they fucking suck. In the timeless words of the philosopher pulpo, go pats.

Super Ball runner-ups - First round exit

5 Snipe Hunt - dodsfall - BALLDON'TLIE - yawn - Gman8181

This team has the talent to beat anyone in the league. Dods and BDL both went for less than I expected and are a capable 1-2 punch. Yawn is slightly overhyped but could end up having a breakout season if his teammates can take the pressure off him and let him focus on what he does well. Gman is rusty but if he can lock in with enough consistency, he and BDL will put a ton of pressure on opposing defenses. The biggest question marks are whether dods will be able to control the game like he did last season without the same stacked team and whether the personalities will be able to coexist. If things go wrong they could go very wrong. It will be vital that the team doesn't make yawn ragequit by spending hours rehashing debates from six years ago in S7.

Second round exit - Miss playoffs

6 The Pelicans - jig - Armbranch - Nameless - ez

One of the most balanced rosters in the league. While I think they lack the top level talent to strike fear in the hearts of their enemies, they should be a consistently competitive unit. Armbranch and nameless will be an entirely respectable D who will keep the flag in base well but will have trouble when things get more chaotic. Ez always has the potential to regain the explosiveness he has had in the past, but his ping may limit him to the solid role player he has looked like lately. A lot rests on the shoulders of jig to make a contender out of this team. Some have hyped him up like Zion coming out of Duke, but hopefully he doesn't eat half as much gumbo and jambalaya.

Second round exit - Miss playoffs

7 Puparazzi - Alphachurro - q42 - d0pe - CoolCat

I am a bit higher on this team than others. Q42 and alpha don't have the dominant playstyles of conventional lead defenders but if they generate the chemistry they are capable of, they will surprise a lot of opposing offenses. CoolCat is my sleeper pick to have a huge breakout season and end up going for a bunch of TC next season. D0pe will serve as an encouraging O partner, putting pressure on opposing teams with his aggressive playstyle. If he can show consistency in the more nuanced aspects of the game like he has shown in flashes, this team could go farther than people expect. I will

take back everything nice I said about d0pe if he doesn't admit he fucked up by skipping over Atmosphere to play the 15th trash mumble rap song in a row on the draft stream.

Second round exit - Miss playoffs

8 Los Angeles Breakers - sonder - Ball-erina - Cheetosrule - Skwid

I wish I could be more high on this team, but I honestly don't have a read on how good sonder and skwid can be given that skwid has 40 total TPM CTF games (and none recently) and sonder doesn't have a TPM account (unless it's under another name). I have to expect them to be approximately replacement level players. Rina and Cheetos have strong track records but success for both of them has come with notable talent around them. There's certainly the possibility that Cheetos shakes off rust in a serious way and this team proves me wrong, but I'm not sure if that's more likely than Russell Westbrook getting a ring this season.

Second round exit - Miss playoffs

9 Harlem Globetrotters - Doris - Mushroom Boy (Meg) - Messi - Luv(sic) (Potatochip)

Doris is an excellent player and one of the best people to hang out with in the game, but I think he needs the right kind of team around him to really show how dominant he can be. Meg and Messi are both majors level players but it's hard to project either showing vast improvement. Pchip has the mechs to change everything but I think his game requires refinement and I don't think he is in a great situation to grow quickly in that respect. The upside for this team is that they are very active. If they persist with that even when things get bumpy I could look foolish here. If not, they could end up looking more like the Washedington General-chats.

First round exit - Miss playoffs

10 Knights Who Say Re! - caprisun (kool aid) - MadeYouLook (Gryff) - yiss - Pnaoxt

It gives me great pain to rank this team last for many reasons. First, Kool aid and Gryff are both intriguing players who would be pretty intimidating as a 2nd and 3rd ball combo in this draft. Second, I have known yiss and Pnaoxt for a long time and they're both really good dudes who have earned opportunities at the majors level. Third, Monty Python and the Holy Grail is a top 5 movie for me and this name slaps. Unfortunately, the ceiling of the team is severely limited by not having any proven elite talent. The potential to prove everyone wrong comes from kool aid reinventing himself as a first ball to lead the squad. That is hard to count on like [the holy hand grenade of Antioch](#).

Almost making playoffs - Not almost making playoffs